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In re Application of:
E. Schieve

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Filed: January 4, 2001

For: Apparatus Having Platforms Positioned For Precise Centering of Semiconductor Wafers During Processing

Group Art Unit: 1763

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PROPOSED RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 21, 2002

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 21, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/5320/RDE, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: